



## World Book Day – Go all in for Reading

We fully embraced the spirit of “Go All In,” the UK’s National Year of Reading 2026 campaign, during our recent World Book Day/Week celebrations! Our ‘Biscuit and a Book’ sessions were a success, thank you to everyone who attended and shared a story with their child. While we hope the books were the highlight, I suspect the biscuits may have stolen the show!



Throughout the week, the excitement continued as we welcomed a different secret reader each day to share a story at the end of the school day. Many of you also joined in on our book character trail after school. Winners will be selected from the entries, with prizes to be awarded soon.

As the week drew to a close, we had a fantastic time dressing up as words and offering the opportunity for you to participating in our annual book swap. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading within our school community. A special thank you goes to Mrs Diamond, who continues to champion reading in our school.



## ...Now onto Science Week!

This week, we are joining in with British Science Week with the exciting theme ‘Curiosity: What’s Your Question?’. Yesterday, our children were captivated by a fantastic Science Assembly led by Mr Coade, which was filled with oohs, aahs, and the odd loud bang! Many children left feeling inspired to explore their own scientific questions.

## Easter Raffle



We have 6 wonderful hampers filled with delicious chocolate goodies to be won! You can purchase your raffle tickets from the office starting Monday 16th March, until Wednesday 1st April. The lucky winners will be announced on Thursday 2nd April. Happy ticket buying, and good luck to all!

## Egg Rolling – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Children are invited to bring in a decorated (or undecorated) boiled egg to take part in our annual Egg Rolling Competition on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The competition will see children rolling their eggs to see whose will travel the furthest in their class.

## Get baking for Comic Relief!

This year we will be holding cake sales to raise money for Comic Relief. Homemade or shop bought, all cake donations will be gratefully received on Friday 20th March. This will also be a non-uniform day, children are invited to wear something red if they wish. Please bring in your pennies to support Comic Relief.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

**Mrs Victoria Alliston**



### Diary Dates

Please make sure you take note of the Staff Development days for the year and term dates.

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Y3 Art Workshops EYFS Stay and Play Parent Coffee Afternoon 2-3pm
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	EYFS Stay and Play
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Come and buy your Raffle Tickets!
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Y3 Roman Day
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	ECO Local Litter Pick
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Y2 Forest School
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	FS Welly Walk Comic Relief <i>Non-uniform day and bake sale</i>
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Y4 Forest School
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Spring Discos <i>EYFS/KS1 3.15-4.30pm (come to school in disco clothes)</i> <i>KS2 4.45-6.00pm</i>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	Y5 Greek day (and Forest School)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	FS Forest School Y2 Reading workshop @2.15pm
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026</b>	FS Lamb Visit Last day to buy Raffle Tickets!
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Easter Egg Rolling Winners of Raffle Announced Last Day of Term 4
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	First Day of Term 5

Our website calendar is always up to date with what is going on in school. [River Primary School - Calendar](#)

### Academic Dates for 2025-2026

<b>Staff Development Days</b>	<b>Term Dates 2025-2026</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	<u>Term 1</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 – 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	<u>Term 2</u> 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 – 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
	<u>Term 3</u> 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 – 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	<u>Term 4</u> 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	<u>Term 5</u> 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	<u>Term 6</u> 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 – 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

Last day to buy tickets  
Weds 1<sup>st</sup> April

# Easter Raffle

Tickets cost 50p each or  
£2 a strip  
Available in the school office





# RIVER'S SPRING DISCO

**WEDS 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

**EYFS & KS1 3.15 - 4.30PM**

**KS2 4.45 - 6PM**

**£5 MAX SPENDING MONEY**

**£2.50 PER TICKET. BOOK YOUR  
TICKETS NOW ON PARENTPAY**